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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SAG ACCEPTANCE OF WESTERN PROPOSAL

BOTHA CONVOKED THE CAPE TOWN FIVE ON SHORT NOTICE AT 1500 TODAY, APRIL 25, TO READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ACCEPTING THE FIVE'S PROPOSAL ON NAMIBIA.

"1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT OUR MAIN PREOCCUPATION WITH YOUR PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT FOR THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA SITUATION CENTERED ON PARAGRAPH 8B OF YOUR PROPOSALS, IN CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTICULAR THE PROVISION THAT THE REMAINING SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN ONE WEEK AFTER THE CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR CLARIFICATION CONVEYED TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON MONDAY, 24 APRIL 1978, WE ARE NOW GIVING THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA THE ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL BE GUIDED BY THE WISHES OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IN REGARD

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TO THIS VERY IMPORTANT MATTER.

2. BEARING IN MIND ALSO OUR DISCUSSIONS LAST WEEK IN PRETORIA, WE ARE NOW SATISIFIED THAT THE ROLE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AS ALL ALONG ENVISAGED REMAINS UNIMPAIRED, E.G. THAT HE WILL HEAD THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF THE TERRITORY. FURTHERMORE THAT THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CARRYING OUT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES WILL WORK TOGETHER WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL TO ENSURE THE ORDERLY TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE.

3. MY GOVERNMENT IN COMING TO ITS DECISION HAS ALSO BEEN INFLUENCED DECISIVELY BY THE PROVISION THAT THERE SHOULD BE A COMPLETE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES (INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, MINELAYING, KILLINGS, ABDUCTIONS, ETC.) BEFORE ANY REDUCTION IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES TAKES PLACE, THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD SHALL REST WITH THE EXISTING POLICE FORCES AND THAT THE ISSUE OF WALVIS BAY IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSALS.

4. HAVING NOW BEEN ADVISED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL THAT HE HAS CONSULTED THE VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES AND CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE TERRITORY AND THAT HE IS SATISFIED THAT THE PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE MAJORITY, HE HAS RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.
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5. BEARING THIS IN MIND AND ALSO THE ASSURANCE BY THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT THEIR PROPOSALS ARE NOW IN A FINAL AND DEFINITIVE FORM, AND THAT THE FIVE ARE GIVING THEM THEIR UNRESERVED BACKING, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS, THESE PROPOSALS.

6. IN ACCEPTING THEM WE ARE NOT PLACING THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER AND THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA IN JEOPARDY. YOU YOUR SELVES EMPHASIZED THAT THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD SHOULD BE STABLE AND PEACEFUL.

7. THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA ARE ANXIOUSLY AND IMPATIENTLY AWAITING THEIR INDEPENDENCE WHICH HAS BEEN PROMISED THEM NOT LATER THAN THE END OF THIS YEAR. WE ASSUME WE CAN RELY ON THE COOPERATION OF THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS AS WELL AS OTHERS CONCERNED TO MOVE RAPIDLY IN ORDER TO REALIZE THIS GOAL."

UPON CONCLUDING THIS STATEMENT, BOTHA DISTRIBUTED COPIES AND SAID THE SAG DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED IN VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES; SAG WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO MOVE

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AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO GET THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSAL IMPLEMENTED. HE COMMENTED HE DID NOT THINK ANYTHING IN HIS STATEMENT WAS CONTRARY TO THE WESTERN PROPOSAL. FINALLY, HE SAID THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD READ THE STATEMENT IN PARLIAMENT THIS AFTERNOON, POSSIBLY WITH SOME ELABORATION. AFTER BRITISH AMBASSADOR SCOTT CONGRATULATED BOTHA ON THE SAG'S "HISTORIC DECISION", BOTHA CLOSED THE MEETING.
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